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FORUM ON "MEDIATING HIGHLY EMOTIONAL DISPUTES" SCHEDULED

The Hawai'i State Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution is presenting two free public forums featuring psychologist Dr. Sue Lehrke and mediator Louis Chang who will speak about mediating highly emotional disputes. The two-part series will be held on Monday, September 15, and Monday, September 22, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Supreme Court Conference Room, 417 S. King Street, Second Floor. Participants who attend the September 22 session should have attended the session on September 15.

The forums will address psychological considerations in mediating relationship and high emotion business, probate, and family disputes. Lehrke and Chang will discuss ways to help mediators determine when to ask for help and what ethical issues may arise when psychological considerations are a factor.

The events are part of a series of public forums sponsored by the Judiciary's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, the Mediation Center of the Pacific, and the University of Hawaii's Program on Conflict Resolution. Another upcoming forum is entitled, "Power Struggles in the Workplace," which will be held on Wednesday, September 17, from noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court Conference Room.

The forums are free. Call the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution at 539-4ADR (4237) to reserve a seat, for more information, or to request disability-related accommodations.

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